

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jeanette Harms on 06/03/2009.
3. The application has been amended as follows:
Claims 50 and 61 are amended as shown in Appendix_A (see Appendix_A).
In claim 50, add "in the start time slot list" after "assigning" in line 14.
In claim 61, add "in the start time slot list" after "slot" in line 17.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 50, 53, 57 and 61 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
The prior art fails to teach or suggest the assignment in the start time slot list at least one pair of a high-priority start time slot and a low-priority start time slot substantially equally displaced in time from a center start time slot, in a combination with other recited claimed limitations.
6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HICHAM B. FOUD whose telephone number is (571)270-1463. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 10-6 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Pankaj Kumar can be reached on 571-272-3011. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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